

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 29 May

Psalm 126; 2 Chronicles 17. 1-12; Romans 1.1-17

Tuesday 30 May – Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906; Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431; Apolo Kivebulaya, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933

Psalm 132; 2 Chronicles 18.1-27; Romans 1.18-end

Wednesday 31 May – THE VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

Psalm 144; 1 Kings 19.1-18; 1 Corinthians 2

Thursday 1 June - Justin, Martyr at Rome c.165

Psalm 143; 2 Chronicles 20.1-23; Romans 2. 17-end

Friday 2 June-

Psalm 142; 2 Chronicles 22.10-23.end

Saturday 3 June – The Martyrs of Uganda 1885-1887 and 1977

Psalm 147; 2 Chronicles 24. 1-22; Romans 3.21-end

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BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

Part of the Mission Community of
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Our Purpose:
TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SUNDAY 28 MAY DAY OF PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

8.00am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

(Also U-can Sunday for any donations of tins, packets etc.)

SUNDAY 4 JUNE TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30 am CELTIC COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

*This church currently has a policy of not taking collections during services.
If you would like to donate to the work and ministry of St Mary's Church, we would be very grateful. You can donate at the door using our contactless machine or post cash in the slot in the same unit. If you would like to find out about regular giving, then please speak to one of the clergy or one of the Church Wardens. Thank you for your kind generosity.*

Dates of Events and Meetings

Tues 30	7.30pm Northam Choral Rehearsal
Wed 31	10.00am Stay and Play
Thurs 1 June	11.00am Funeral of Keith Gubb
Fri 2	11.15am Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 3	8.00am Morning Prayer 8.15am Men's Breakfast 10.00am Treblemakers
Sun 4	9.30am Celtic Communion 11.15am Encounter

PRAYERS

Please remember the following Church family in your prayers: John Day, Gwynne Dendle, Chris Sawle and Hazel Taylor.

Please also remember the family and friends of Keith Gubb ahead of his funeral at St Mary's Church next week.

STAY AND PLAY- WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY

There will be a Stay and Play session in St Mary's Church next week on Wednesday 31 May from 10 am to 12 noon for children under 5 and their carers. There will be lots of toys, story time, parachute games etc. It is free of charge, but a voluntary donation of £2 to cover refreshment costs would be welcome.

STREAMS – THURSDAY 8 JUNE, LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL

The next Streams will be on Thursday 8 June between 2 and 4.30 pm at Littleham Village Hall.

There will be an opportunity for women of any age to do a range of activities and/or stroll through the woods etc. Suggested donations of £5 to cover costs. Please ring Sarah on 01237 471441 to book a place.

SUNDAY 28 MAY – THE DAY OF PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2. 1 – 21 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue

rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

THE SECOND READING

John 20. 19 – 23 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

